backward communities has requested for the grant of a few cents of land near the Public Offices, Trivandrum, for a common institution for the various sections of the backward communities ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: No.

Grants given for the uplift of backward communities.

356. * **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to name the communities that receive grants at present from the Department for the uplift of backward communities ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: No grant is given to any community from the Department for the uplift of backward communities. But the following communal organisations are given grants for uplift work among the respective communities.

1. The All Travancore Pulayar Mahasabha ... Rs. 15 per mensem.
2. The All Travancore Parayar Mahasabha ... Rs. 15 per mensem.
3. The All Travancore Kuravar Mahasabha ... Rs. 15 per mensem.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: അവശസമുദായങ്ങളുടെ അവശതാപരിഹാരത്തിനായി വേണ്ട പ്രവർത്തനം നടത്തുന്ന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്കു ഗ്രാന്റു കൊടുത്തു സഹായിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes, Sir. It is because they are working for the uplift of their communities that Government have been pleased to award these grants.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: മറ്റവശസമുദായങ്ങളുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവക്കുകൂടി ഇപ്രകാരം ഗ്രാന്റു കൊടുത്തു പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുമോ ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: They should apply for grants, and their status and strength will be considered and Government will take all matters into consideration before deciding whether any particular organisation deserves a grant or not.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: അവശസംരക്ഷക ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും നാളിതുവരെ യാതൊരാനുകൂല്യവും സിദ്ധിക്കാതിരിക്കുന്ന വർണ്ണവസമുദായത്തിനുകൂടി ചെറിയ ഗ്രാന്റു കൊടുത്തു സഹായിക്കുമോ ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Let them apply and the case will be decided on its merits.

Grant for the uplift of Backward Communities.

357. * **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to name the communities to which monthly grant is being given from the Department for the uplift of backward communities ?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 356.

Visha Vaidyasala in Rayamangalam.

358. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the people of Rayamangalam pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk and the Visha Vaidyan of the place have sent petitions to the Director of Ayurveda for a grant-in-aid to the Visha Vaidyasala which is being conducted there for the last few years;

(*b*) if so, the dates on which the Director received these petitions;

(*c*) if petitions have been so received, whether any action has been taken or enquiries made on the matter; and

(*d*) if so, the enquiry made and its results?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 8-12-1114 and 17-11-1114.

(*c*) The matter is under enquiry by the Honorary Director.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (c), this does not arise.

The Indian Road Board.

359. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many times the present Chief Engineer attended the Conference of the Indian Road Board; and

(*b*) the total amount of T. A. and D. A. drawn by him for the purpose?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) Three.

(*b*) Rs. 1,602-0-6.

Path from Kochar road to Parachira dam.

360. ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions from the people of the locality for the opening of a path leading from Kochar road to the landing place near the Parachira dam?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: Yes.

Advisory Committee for the uplift of Backward Communities.

361. ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any woman member in the Advisory Committee connected with the uplift of backward communities; and

(*b*) if not, whether the question of adding a woman member also to the Board has been brought to the notice of the Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

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